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1. Ambitious plans are being made for the construction of a canal network in Bulgaria. These include:
  - (a) Near Kazanlık, a large dam to impound the waters of the Tundzha (Tunca) River and operate a large hydroelectric installation.
  - (b) In addition to the dam, a large main canal, which is to carry the water to another hydroelectric plant at Stara Zagora. This is in course of construction. The canal is to run on the surface for twenty kilometers (as far as the village of Jmievo). At that point it is to become subterranean (tunnel-canal), coming back on the surface as far as Stara Zagora.
  - (c) There is also to be a network of irrigation canals, centering in Stara Zagora.
2. Stara Zagora and its vicinity are regarded as an important activity center for the present year. Labor forces are already in its vicinity. Labor units brought in for these construction projects are quartered here and there, in such a way that no one can tell how many men are employed or exactly what construction is being carried out.

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